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Art Unit 2824

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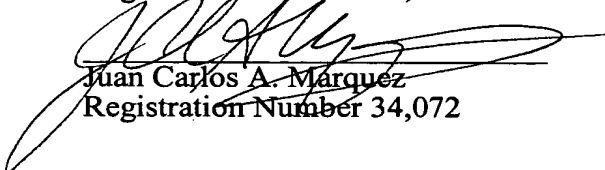
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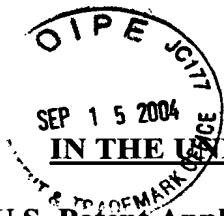
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 24, 2004, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire on September 24, 2004. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group I as recited in claims 1 - 3, directed to a read/write circuit, without traverse.